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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/28/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-35 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not teach the following limitations:
 - Henrici et al (6,422,716) although teaching a modular LED assembly having identical LED modules each having a non conductive base having a straight edge and a pair of faces, the modules being juxtaposed at the edges with the lines aligned with each other and the one faces generally coplanar, a clip body pressed against the bases to engage the conductors with the respective contacts and secure the bases together, Henrici does not teach a stackable housing; a reflector coupled to the stackable housing, the reflector having a light emitting surface; and at least one light emitting semiconductor device positioned within the stackable housing, the at least one light emitting semiconductor device arranged to emit light rays off the light emitting surface of the reflector, wherein the at least one light emitting semiconductor device is a light emitting diode; and at least one connector interconnected with the stackable housing, the at least one connector adapted to interconnect the stackable housing with at least one other stackable housing of another stackable vehicle light device wherein' the at least one connector adapted to interconnect the stackable housing with the at least one other stackable housing of another stackable vehicle light device is a connector means selected from the group consisting of a fastener a snapping mechanism and an adhesive; a plurality of light modules stackably arranged in a

configuration, the light modules having: a housing', a reflector coupled to the housing, the reflector having a light emitting surface; and at least one light emitting semiconductor device positioned within the housing, the at least one light-emitting semiconductor device arranged to emit light rays off the light emitting surface of the reflector wherein the modular vehicle light device is a light device selected from the group consisting of as a tail lamp, a stop lamp, a license plate lamp, a headlamp, a fog lamp, an exterior courtesy lamp, and a turn signal lamp and wherein the configuration comprises the plurality of light modules stackably arranged in a matrix;

- Deese (5,806,965) Deese although disclosing a stacked LED array connected by pins within a housing, Deese does not disclose the combination of a stackable housing; a reflector coupled to the stackable housing, the reflector having a light emitting surface; and at least one light emitting semiconductor device positioned within the stackable housing, the at least one light emitting semiconductor device arranged to emit light rays off the light emitting surface of the reflector, wherein the at least one light emitting semiconductor device is a light emitting diode; and at least one connector interconnected with the stackable housing, the at least one connector adapted to interconnect the stackable housing with at least one other stackable housing of another stackable vehicle light device wherein' the at least one connector adapted to interconnect the stackable housing with the at least one other stackable housing of another stackable vehicle light device is a connector means selected from the group consisting of a fastener a snapping

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mechanism and an adhesive; a plurality of light modules stackably arranged in a configuration, the light modules having: a housing', a reflector coupled to the housing, the reflector having a light emitting surface; and at least one light emitting semiconductor device positioned within the housing, the at least one light-emitting semiconductor device arranged to emit light rays off the light emitting surface of the reflector wherein the modular vehicle light device is a light device selected from the group consisting of as a tail lamp, a stop lamp, a license plate lamp, a headlamp, a fog lamp, an exterior courtesy lamp, and a turn signal lamp and wherein the configuration comprises the plurality of light modules stackably arranged in a matrix;

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

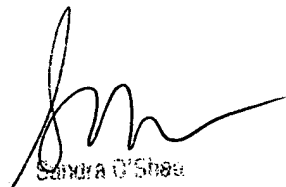
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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